

July 14, 2014

TO: Mayor Michael B. Coleman
Columbus City Council President Andrew J. Ginther

FROM: Mark R. Shanahan, chair
Columbus Energy Review Committee

SUBJECT: Recommendations of the Columbus Energy Review Committee

At your request, the Columbus Energy Review Committee examined whether or not Columbus should proceed with municipal aggregation of gas and/or electricity. I have attached our full report.

It is our recommendation to move forward with aggregation. Our review indicates it will offer eligible Columbus customers the potential for meaningful cost savings. In addition, an innovative aggregation plan will afford Columbus the opportunity to become a national leader in crafting a comprehensive and sustainable energy plan for its citizens. We believe that energy efficiency and renewable energy are essential components to any such plan. We also advise that, at the various stages of moving forward, you continue to structure and encourage wide citizen involvement in the process.

We recognize that aggregation is a complex challenge. We believe Columbus has the resources at its disposal to successfully address that challenge.

On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank members of the Mayor's staff, particularly Deputy Chief of Staff Christie Angel, Environmental Steward Erin Miller and External Affairs Manager Ashley Senn. Without their diligent assistance, we could not have successfully responded to your charge.

We stand ready to discuss the Report with you and answer any questions you may have.